NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE I-485/I-85 INTERCHANGE

TIP Project No. R-2123CE

Mecklenburg County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Public Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Mallard Creek High School located at 3825 Johnston Oehler Road, Charlotte.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the Public Meeting between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours.

NCDOT proposes to modify the interchange at Interstate 485 (I-485) and Interstate 85 (I-85). The purpose of the project is to connect the section of I-485 to be completed under TIP Project R-2248E (NC 115 to west of I-85) with I-85 and the existing I-485 in Northeast Charlotte, thus completing the Charlotte Outer Loop. Additional right of way **will** be required for this project.

The purpose of the project is to provide complete the Charlotte Outer Loop and provide a high-speed connection between I-85 and I-485. The completion of the Charlotte Outer Loop will improve connectivity in the Charlotte region, providing a bypass route for thru traffic and improved connections for commuters and local travelers.

A map displaying the location and design of the project is available for public review at the NCDOT Resident Engineer's Office located at 12033-C East Independence Blvd., Matthews and at the NCDOT District Engineer's Office, 7605 District Drive, Charlotte. The map is also available online at:

http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/CharlotteOuterLoop/ and at http://www.mumpo.org/l-485 %20I-85 Interchange Modification.htm

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 431-6500, or via e-mail at jarobbins@ncdot.gov. Additional material may be submitted until November 2, 2009.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.